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Independent photos by Bob Mytych

Participants in the Aug. 18 Bridgewalk in Belleville pause for a group picture before heading off to the Taste of Belleville at Horizon Park.

Sumpter Twp. resident charged for growing too much marijuana

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township resident Nelson Po, 67, was arraigned at 34th District Court on Monday morning on one count of controlled substance, delivery / manufacturing 5-45 kilograms of marijuana (or 20 to 200 plants).

This was much more than the 72 plants allowed under the Michigan Marijuana Act, said Sumpter Township Police Detective John Toth.

If he is found guilty of the charge Po faces seven years in prison or a \$500,000 fine.

Po is out on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond and is scheduled to be back at 34th District Court on Aug. 31 for his probable cause conference and on Sept. 7 for his preliminary exam.



Nelson Po

growing setup in the 45000 block of Harris Road at about 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, and stayed through the morning of Aug. 17.

Det. Toth said Sumpter police, with the aid of the Monroe Area Narcotics Team and Investigative Services (MANTIS) run by the Michigan State Police, burned a large quantity of marijuana over that night. He said a nearby resident cooperated by giving police property for the burning operation. They used diesel fuel.

At the time Po and another person were arrested and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office issued a warrant for Po, but did not charge the person. A third person was cited, he said.

"It was over and beyond what he's allowed to have," Det. Toth said of the amount of marijuana at the site.

Neighbors said that police confiscated vehicles and equipment from the barns, but Det. Toth said he would rather not comment on that at this time.



Taste of Belleville

The Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department provided free crafts for children, above, at last Thursday's Taste of Belleville at Horizon Park. The Taste, following the Bridge Walk, is sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. At right is one of the 19 booths set up for the Taste.



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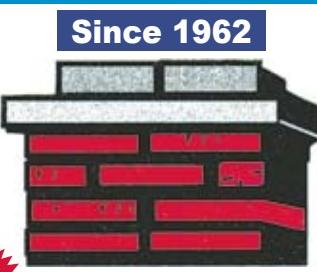
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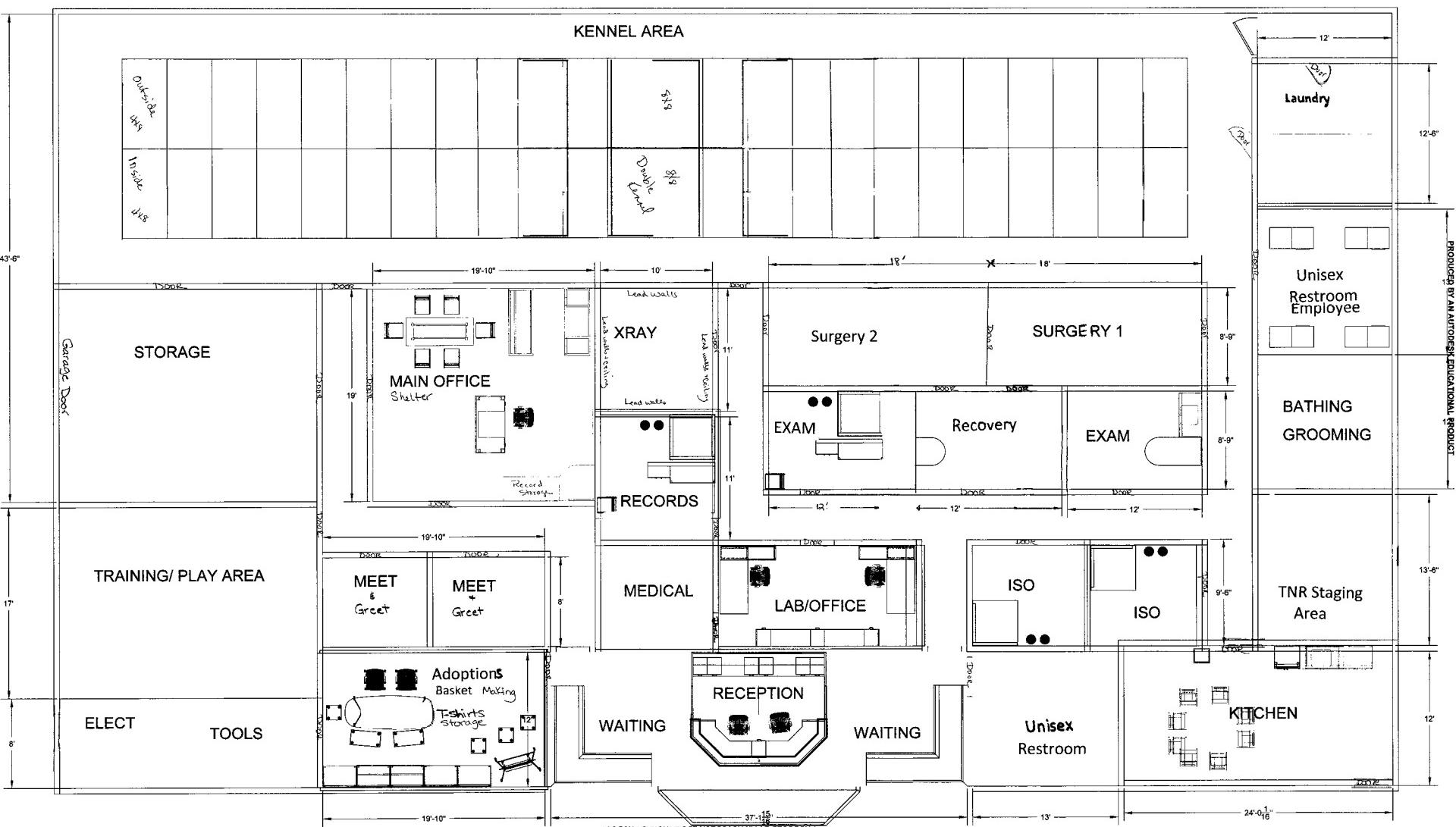
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SECOND FRONT PAGE



This is the plan for the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue barn that is on the wall of the shelter. The kennels are to be at the rear and are explained on page 5.

Keystone Academy honored by NHA for enrollment, excellence

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Keystone Academy Principal Keturah Godfrey announced that she had accepted two awards for Keystone from National Heritage Academies: one for student enrollment and one naming it a Four Star School of Excellence.

She told the Keystone school board at its meeting Aug. 18 that she was very pleased to get Four-Star designation because last year they were a Three-Star school.

She said the charter school is doing very well with its enrollment and student attrition is low.

Board president Vesta Losen said she was glad to see the scores up, but she wanted a synopsis of the problem in parent satisfaction, which shows less satisfaction than before.

Principal Godfrey said dissatisfaction was up 2% from last year and she attributed it to a change in demographics, with working parents not able to participate in school activities as much and noting they were just

“satisfied” rather than “highly satisfied.” She said the parent survey gives the school a picture of what parents are thinking.

Godfrey said this year they will be putting on the back of the school t-shirts the statement: "Intelligence and character is the true goal of education."

She said the people they are surveying are different than those of five years ago, all across NHA.

“They feel a problem with discipline being effective,” Losen said.

Godfrey said parents whose children are in trouble are upset. And, then those who want other children punished want to know what was done and because of privacy rules Godfrey said she can't tell them.

Then, there is a family that had several severe issues and others think they should be kicked out, she said. But, some are special education children and there rules about that.

"All they see is the behavior," said Godfrey. "Many parents who come to talk to me get an explanation and leave satisfied."

Then there is a group of people who get on the phone or text each other and it is gossip, she said, adding it's parents who

"When they see the demographics, they



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Board president Vesta Losen, left, swears in Susan Meland for another three-year term on the Keystone Academy Board of Directors. Meland's new term expires in June 2019. The swearing in was at the beginning of the Aug. 18 meeting. Meland currently serves as the board secretary.

think Keystone is going downhill, but Keystone is not going downhill," Godfrey said.

to be shaky, if we're not able to share information," Godfrey said. She suggested a parent may have said "highly dissatisfied"

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Transgender bathrooms maybe not a big problem

On Sunday, a federal judge in Texas ruled in a case brought by 13 states that the federal rule on transgender bathrooms goes against federal law and every state has to follow this ruling.

Mary Ban told of the ruling at Tuesday's Sumpter Township Board of Trustees meeting when State Rep. Bill LaVoy was present to answer questions from residents of his district.

Mary Sherwood has asked about transgender bathrooms to begin the discussion and Rep. LaVoy said there is no legislation one way or the other, but the state Board of Education has set some rules.

After Ban discussed the Texas federal ruling, Rep. LaVoy said he had a personal opinion. Rep. LaVoy said, in his opinion, "I think the state has many better things to do than act on this subject."

Keystone Academy in Sumpter Township recently joined in a national law suit on the issue of transgender bathrooms. The federal government had sent out a letter to all school boards threatening them with loss of federal funds if they didn't allow transgender use of restrooms of their choice.

Ban also asked Rep. LaVoy about Common Core and if it will be rescinded in Michigan. LaVoy said he has seen no move to do so, although there has been discussion on the subject. Ban noted that several states have rescinded their approvals of Common Core.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We received a letter with lots of information about the Belleville Police Department with the note at the bottom that the writer did not post his/her address or phone number due to a fear of retaliation. Well, I need to know who you are and the name you signed may not be real. Please, call me and talk to me about this. I may withhold your name, but I first must have your identity in order to withhold it.

I get nervous about people calling out names and allegations from behind a bush.

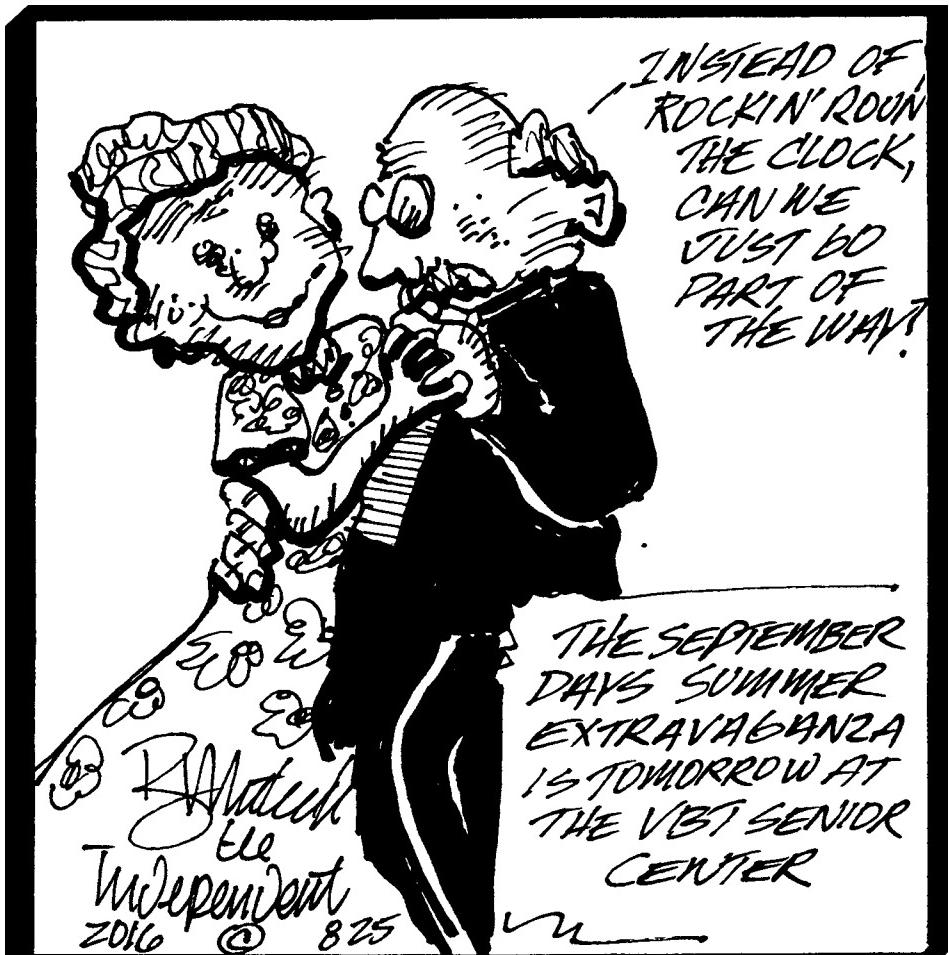
Michael Fleury, who lives in the city of Belleville, said he got a message left on his cell phone from "the IRS legal department," telling him a law suit has been filed against him and urging him to call them at (202) 769-5271.

He talked to Belleville Police instead and they told him the scammers are able to get numbers and change them easily and although local police, the FBI, and the IRS have been trying to figure out how to stop them they are unstoppable now.

I called the number he gave me and it was busy. Michael just wanted others in the community to know about the calls and to be sure not to believe the IRS ever calls. IRS always writes if they want to tell you anything.

The Van Buren Township Environmental Commission didn't meet on Aug. 17, as scheduled, because there was lack of a quorum. The commission was going to discuss, among other things, possible fines for those contractors ignoring the coal tar ban.

Staff had gathered coal tar ordinances



for five Michigan communities, so commissioners could study them to see what others were doing. This is sure to be on the Sept. 21 meeting agenda.

Van Buren Township was the first municipality in the state to have a coal tar ordinance, followed by Scio Township, City of Ann Arbor, Spring Lake Township, Hamburg Township and City of Dexter. State Rep. Kristy Pagan has introduced a statewide ban and her proposal is in committee.

The ordinances for Ann Arbor and Spring Lake call violation of any part of the ordinance to be a civil infraction with up to a \$10,000 fine. They are serious about this.

Spring Lake has up to \$500 for the first offense and then up to \$1,000. The others, including VBT, refer to offenses as civil infractions and the penalty amounts are not listed in the ordinances.

The next commission meeting at 7 p.m., Sept. 21, should be interesting. It's an open meeting, but not on cable.

At Friday's Battle for Belleville, the big tank was brought in on a trailer and it had new rubber on the treads so it wouldn't harm the Main Street pavement. The city council was advised that it wouldn't turn and would just go forward and backward so the city street wouldn't get scuffed up like it did last time a tank came through with some of the rubber worn off the metal

treads.

During the reenactment of a WWII battle to save the museum, the tank came down the street, but then it had to turn to go around a German vehicle that stalled and couldn't restart. That German vehicle was stranded in front of the museum so the tank had to turn to get around it. That is how the black rubber markings were made on Main Street.

I was told the rubber is no big deal and will be scrubbed off with the first pass of the city street cleaner. Another person mentioned that there might be a problem, seeing how upset the city council gets over tape left on the curb after the Strawberry Festival.

This is the week for ice cream. The Belleville Area District Library had an ice cream social at the library on Wednesday and then the Belleville Area Council for the Arts will have ice cream at its final lakeside concert of the year tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

The library people want to promote their upcoming ballot proposal and so they will be popping up everywhere. At Tuesday's Sumpter Township Board meeting, they got approval to hold a public forum on the library plans at 7 p.m., Oct. 12, in the township hall board room.

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Letters

FMAR seeks support to save more animals

To the Editor:

Thank you so very much for the great article you wrote regarding our building renovation project. This project has been a dream of Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR) for over 13 years and the thought of getting it completed has been our inspiration and ultimate goal.

We moved to Sumpter Township because we wanted to make a difference in the lives of the animals in our community. For the past 13 years we have felt that the move to Sumpter Township was the best decision we had ever made and the support from the police department has been better than we could have imagined.

We have always secured permits when we have done any renovations to any of our buildings and we would never think to move forward without permits and inspections. We also have a drawing of the plans for the barn hanging on the wall that the inspectors have seen each time they came. Some of the dimensions and rooms have changed and nothing is set in stone but it was a good start to what we had planned for the barn renovation project.

We understand the importance of building a safe structure and we have always passed our inspections and worked with the inspectors to add or change anything they have asked of us. We are happy to meet any of their safety requirements. With that said, after the meeting Pete met with an architect that would give FMAR the complete drawings that were asked for by the planning commission board. The estimated cost to hire this architect was between \$10,000- \$15,000! This added cost is not covered with the grant monies, and even if it was allowed would take 1/3 of the grant. This would not allow us to complete even half of the project.

FMAR has saved for 13 years and submitted hundreds of grants to raise this money and we just cannot afford the drawings that the planning board is asking us for. Even though we have grown in the last 13 years we are still a small non-profit that has never received funding from the township or the state to sustain our budget. We have to raise every dime to keep the shelter going. In order for us to find great homes for the animals we take in, we have to get them ready for adoption and sometimes the

medical costs are staggering. Our adoption fees don't begin to cover our costs of even the spay/neuters and vaccines, and if we raise the adoption fees we wouldn't be able to compete with the humane society. If we can't find new homes for the animals we take in we can't take more animals in from our communities.

We are not sure what difference combining the 3 properties would do to help the situation we have found ourselves in however, we have tried to combine our 6.5 acres into one property but the land and buildings will not appraise for the amount we would still owe on the properties so the bank will not allow it.

All we ask is that we all work together to make this a blessing for Sumpter Township and the animals who come to stay until they find new families to care for them. We really do want to protect animals and residents by promoting a healthy and safe environment for all.

We appreciate your support and the support of the residents of our community. Thank you so much for your news articles. We hope the people who read it will continue to support FMAR and help us grow. If there is an architect out there who would like to help with drawings please give us a call. We would love to work with you and our township officials. If anyone would like to help by donating to our project, you can do so at <https://www.givinggrid.com/FMAR/> or by attending one of our fundraisers. They are listed on our website at www.fmar1.org.

Blessings to all.
Marcy and Pete LaFramboise
Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue

Shame on Sumpter Planning Commission

To the Editor:

Shame on the Sumpter Township Planning Commission. Holding up the FMAR kennel construction and putting the grant at risk is simply inexcusable. More support should be extended to businesses that have a POSITIVE impact on this community.

Also, we do not need a marijuana growing facility in this community. The Sumpter Township Planning Commission should NOT spend time on this issue.

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My prayers to St. Jude were answered

To the Editor:

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HERBERT E. (BUZZ) SAWYER

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Forever young at age 90. Herb is survived by his wife, Teresa Bies-Sawyer, and his four children: Rebecca Sawyer (Byron) Long, Sabrina Sawyer (John) Gerlach, Jason (Norma) Sawyer and Whitney E. Sawyer, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and sister and brother-in-law, Diane (Bies) and Craig Brannock.

Active and alert right up to the end, he spent his last day on earth the way he wanted to: enjoying a sunny afternoon around the swimming pool, joking with family, watching golf, raising a glass or two, and sitting down to a home-cooked meal. But in the twinkling of an eye, he was gone. His heart stopped suddenly, and his spirit left this world. Off to a better place with unparalleled beauty. A new adventure began. He lived a full life; he laughed often. He loved who he was and what he did, but mostly he loved people. He always found the good in everyone.

Friends and family gathered to celebrate his life on the afternoon of July 28 at his home in Merritt Island, Florida.

Some might say that the world is so much less by Herb's passing. Instead, say it was so much *more* because of his presence, touching each life he came in contact with through his friendship, his teaching, his art and his faith in Jesus Christ. His legacy of love lives on through those who knew him.

As former Art Teacher at BHS and in Florida, he encouraged and enriched the lives of countless thousands of students who were fortunate enough to share his wit, wisdom and talent. Bon Voyage, Herb. Save us a place at the great banquet table.

Memorial gifts may be made in Herb's name to East Coast Christian Center, 670 N. Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 32953. Please designate gift is for the Teen Youth Camp. Express condolences or favorite memories at www.islandcremations.com.

LOUIS WILLIAM 'Buster' BARNES, JR.

(September 19, 1951 - August 19, 2016)

Louis William "Buster" Barnes, Jr., 64, of Belleville died August 19, 2016. Survived by wife Nancy; son Daniel; three sisters Sandy Barnes, Vicki Morin, Cheryl Morin; several nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Louis and Doris Barnes. Memorial service at Sam's Bar at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

NICOLE ANN THOMPSON

(April 14, 1993 - August 15, 2016)

Age 23, of Ypsilanti. Died suddenly. Survived by parents Joan Harrison and Stewart Thompson; sister Amanda Taylor; grandfather John O. Easley; 3 step-siblings; aunts and uncles. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

GARY DAVID ALLEN

(August 7, 1952 - August 15, 2016)

Gary, 64, of Van Buren Township passed away Monday, August 15, 2016 at his home with his wife and daughter at his side. Survived by wife Connie, daughter Julie (Robert) Betts of Brighton; four brothers and six sisters. He will be truly missed.

More Obituaries

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Barbara McKenzie

BARBARA MCKENZIE

(March 23, 1930 - August 18, 2016)

Barbara McKenzie, age 86, of Ypsilanti, passed away, August 18, 2016 at home with her loving family by her side. She was born March 23, 1930 in Ypsilanti, Michigan to Ronald and Winifred (Hewens) Bennett. On August 5, 1950, she married William McKenzie. Barbara was a homemaker and volunteered for many community events. She was a teacher of the Wednesday night Bible club at Ypsilanti Friends Church, where she was known as Grandma Barb to many. She also worked as a teacher's aide at Lincoln Consolidated Schools for many years. Barbara is survived by her husband Bill of 66 years; her two sons, Gary (Debbie) McKenzie of Willis and Billy (Donna) McKenzie of Belleville; six grandchildren: Geneva (Joe) Nicholas, Leah McKenzie, Luke McKenzie, Jake (Ashley) McKenzie, Jana McKenzie, and Erica Fry; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Joanne (Thurman) Ramey; and her granddaughter, Dena Sanders.

Visitation was held at Ypsilanti Evangelical Friends Church on Friday August 19, from 3-8 p.m. and on Saturday, August 20, from 11 a.m. until time of service at noon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ypsilanti Evangelical Friends Church.

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Obituaries



Theresa Renee Morrow

THERESA RENEE MORROW

(March 12, 1959 - August 20, 2016)

Theresa Renee Morrow, age 57, of Belleville. Theresa is the beloved wife of the late Randall C. Morrow (d.6/4/16); loving mother of Ashley (Andrew) Humphreys of Belleville and Jessica (Cortez) Ayers of Wayne; dear grandmother of Cameron and Stylez and cherished sister of Roxan Peters of Madison Heights, Christine (Leonard) White of Belleville and Artist (Marcie) Peters of Palmyra. Theresa is also survived by many loving family and friends.

Born to Roy and Ethel Peters in Trenton, MI on March 12, 1959, Randall & Theresa were longtime Belleville area residents. Theresa loved cooking and baking and also being involved with her church, The Ridge Rd. Church of Christ. Mostly, she enjoyed spending time with her Grandchildren and cooking. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM, Saturday, August 27, at Ridge Rd. Church of Christ, 1770 Ridge Rd., Ypsilanti. The Morrow family will be at the church receive guests at 12 noon.

Entombment will follow at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

Visiting hours have been arranged for Friday from 2 until 8 PM at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. 734-697-4500.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the church.

RANDY ALLEN BEES

(June 13, 1972 - August 19, 2016)

Randy Allen Bees, age 44, of Wayne, died unexpectedly on August 19, 2016.

Randy is the loving father of Randi Bees of Wayne; cherished son of Robert (Alana) Bees of Van Buren Township; dear brother of Keith Bees and Craig Bees, both of Belleville, and proud uncle of Brynly, Kaden, Vaughn, and Barrett. He is also survived by his cats "Cooter," "Jasper," and "Louie."

Randy had a love for the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. Going to flea markets with his beloved Randi was a love of his also, along with collecting baseball hats.

A memorial visitation has been arranged for Saturday, August 27, from 12 noon until 6 PM at the David C. Brown Funeral home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, 734-697-4500.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the American Heart Association.

Birthdays

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Do you have a birthday in September? Does any one you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

More Letters

Help us feed people with food donation card

To the Editor:

People in our community continue to struggle every day to pay their bills and put food on their tables. Some are even forced to choose between the two, a heartbreaking decision that no one should have to make. I'm pleased to announce that The Belleville First United Methodist Church Food Closet has joined forces with the Meijer Simply Give food pantry donation program this fall to help fill that void for our local families.

Each Simply Give campaign helps more than 200 food pantries in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Wisconsin keep their shelves stocked with food for those in need. But it also fosters a sense of community by encouraging customers to purchase \$10 Simply Give donation cards, which are then converted into Meijer food-only gift cards and given to the local food pantry selected by the store.

The Belleville Food Closet will benefit from donation cards purchased at the Belleville Road Meijer store now through Sept. 24, 2016.

On Sept. 1-3, 2016, Meijer will double its donation, \$20 for every \$10 donated.

I want to encourage you to help us fulfill our mission of helping the hungry in the city of Belleville and Sumpter and Van Buren townships by purchasing a food donation card during your next shopping trip. Tell your friends, relatives, neighbors, and coworkers because every dollar makes a difference.

In our community, a \$10 donation equals seven meals. And, when we give, Meijer gives. For the fifth consecutive year, Meijer will contribute at least \$1 million to the 2016 Simply Give program.

We are very encouraged about this opportunity to serve the hungry in our local community. Last year, we raised \$15,400. Janette K. Renton, director
Belleville Food Closet

Sumpter Police shut down Nelson Po

To the Editor:

Your article in the *Independent* on the property on Willis Road belonging to Nelson Po got me wondering where you were when the Sumpter police and other officers shut him down at his growing place on Harris Road. This took place on Aug. 15, 2016.

He and his wife were arrested and every leaf of marijuana was burned. Other things were confiscated, as well as his vehicles impounded.

The air has never smelled so fresh and sweet. No more skunk air.

We neighbors who have suffered at the smell of his three pole barns filled with plants are very happy to see this

business shut down. Our prayers have been answered.

Please do not use my name.

P.S. Check with the Sumpter Police. They'll verify everything I've written.

Editor's Note: Other neighbors let me know about this last week, but it was too late to get it in the Aug. 18 edition. Sumpter police were delayed in talking to us because they didn't get the warrants approved by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office until later than anticipated and arraignment was expected Aug. 22. Police generally don't provide names unless they've been formally arraigned.

Campaign gave me chance to meet residents

To the Editor:

April 2016, I received a knock on my door from neighbor Jay Bardell, who urged me to run for treasurer to make positive changes in Sumpter Township. I had never considered running for public office, but Jay encouraged me to enter public life, suggesting that my many years of advocating for persons with disabilities gave me unique qualifications and an outsider's insights. After prayerful reflection and discussion with my family, I decided to accept this challenge and declare my candidacy for the office of treasurer.

Growing up as a person of Short Stature,

I have faced and overcame a great many challenges. These challenges have not always been easy; in a world where you're often literally overlooked because of your height, I had to make myself heard. Being raised in a loving, Christian family that valued and supported my differences made me a more confident and outspoken person.

Since the early 1970s – decades before congress sought to pass any legislation pertaining to persons with disabilities – I was at the forefront of the struggle. Working with local government and corporations to adapt policies to aid people with disabilities gave me insight into the creation of public policy. I have sought to create effective policy, working not only on issues for persons with disabilities, but for the underdogs, the common and overlooked people, the people who for so long have had no voice.

Even though I did not win the Primary, I had the opportunity to meet the residents of Sumpter Township and work with the wonderful members of the Bardell Team. I made some lifelong friends, truly enjoyed the experience, and was able to make a difference by having the ADA Transition Plan implemented in our township.

I want to thank everyone who helped make this journey possible for me.

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Sumpter Township

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Court Watching:**Judge Green adjourns Cahill's preliminary exam until Aug. 31**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Charles James Cahill, 49, being held without bond for second-degree murder in a July 27 drunk-driving traffic accident in Sumpter Township, is scheduled to be at 34th District Court in Romulus at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Cahill was before Chief 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on Aug. 17 by video from the Wayne County Jail for his probable cause conference. Nine members of the victim's family were in the courtroom, one carrying a large photo of 12-year-old Victoria Mack, who died from injuries following the crash.

David Lankford, Cahill's court-appointed attorney, said Mike Reynolds, the Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor of record in the case, doesn't yet have the medical exam report out of Washtenaw County and he also needs to review the extensive accident report from the Michigan State Police.

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Lankford said, as well, Reynolds has a trial the following week. He asked for the preliminary exam to be adjourned for a week to give Reynolds time to prepare.

Cahill waived his right to a preliminary exam within seven days and Judge Green set his exam for Aug. 31.

Judge Green continued his remand to jail with no bond.

Lankford said that "Murder 2 is not automatic remand" and Judge Green replied that she knew that and had thought about it before taking away Cahill's original bond of \$1 million and remanding him to jail.

She said she took away Cahill's bond on his new arraignment for murder after the victim died.

Cahill is being held on charges of second-degree murder, operating while intoxicated causing death, operating while intoxicated-3rd, driving while license suspended causing death, and driving with open intoxicant in vehicle.

At his arraignment, Judge Green said the second-degree homicide charge was punishable by a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Cahill's driver's license had been revoked by the Secretary of State in 1990, but he continued to drive.

Judge Green said the high blood-alcohol content of .203 within seven years of a conviction is punishable by a maximum of 20 years in prison. There also was a high blood-alcohol content misdemeanor charge, she said.

At Cahill's arraignment on the new charges, Judge Green read off a list of ten past convictions for operating while intoxicated.

She said the third official notice calls for a maximum of five years in jail; his driving while licensed suspended, 15 years in jail;

and driving with open container, a 90-day misdemeanor. His label as a habitual offender could make his sentence a life offense, she said.

The charges stemmed from the 8:18 p.m., July 27, accident at the corner of Willis and Martinsville roads. Cahill reportedly was northbound on Martinsville at more than 80 mph when he collided with a minivan with Victoria in the back seat.

She was cut out of the vehicle by Sumpter fire fighters and airlifted to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, where she died July 30. There has been no report of any injuries to the two women and two other female children, ages 2 and 3, who were also in the minivan.

Jon Allen Colombo

Jon Allen Colombo, 60, waived his preliminary exam by video from the Wayne County Jail where he was being held. He was charged with operating while license suspended-third time on May 10, 2015 in Van Buren Township.

His court-appointed attorney Elizabeth Young said he was arraigned the previous Friday and his fiance posted the \$10,000/10% bond. He then had to wait for an alcohol tether, Young said.

Judge Green said that would be a Sober Link.

Colombo said he was arrested Wednesday, arraigned Thursday, and his fiancé posted the bond on Friday. He said he has a show with a producer the following Saturday and has to get out of jail.

Judge Green said that Judge Parrott ordered the Sober Link and she is not changing the conditions, "Not with all those priors."

She bound Colombo over for an arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice at 9 a.m., Aug. 24. Judge Green said attorney Young should call the tether department on her own.

Loretta Ann Tocco

Loretta Ann Tocco, 54, was lodged in the Wayne County Jail on a bond of \$30,000/10% on a charge of operating while intoxicated, third time, on Dec. 24, 2015 in Van Buren Township. She allegedly violated bond while on tether.

She was due for her probable cause conference before Judge Green on Aug. 17 and was at the jail. Tocco's retained attorney Kenneth Karam asked for a

reduction of bond.

Her background includes eight operating under the influence of liquor arrests over the a few years and then there was a 17-year lapse. Then in 2013 there was another OUIL charge and then at the beginning of this year she was charged with leaving the scene of an accident.

The Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor objected to the bond reduction. He said the lab is retesting the sample and so the preliminary exam on this case has been adjourned unto Sept. 7.

Judge Green denied the request for a bond reduction, adding she would look at it again on Sept. 7.

Allen McKinley Marbly

Allen McKinley Marbly, 28, had his probable cause conference adjourned until 10 a.m. Aug. 24 to face charges of assault by strangulation and aggravated domestic violence on Aug. 6 in Van Buren Township. He is free after posting bond of \$10,000/10%.

More Letters**Garden Fantasy did spectacular job for us**

To the Editor:

My husband and I want to thank Garden Fantasy for doing such a wonderful job providing the flowers for our son's wedding a few weeks ago.

Belleville is so lucky to have a wonderful business like Garden Fantasy and its owner Colette McClinton in our city. From the consultation about what we envisioned for the church and reception, until the realization of that vision on the day of the wedding, Collette and her team couldn't have been more patient, professional and meticulous.

When we saw what they had created at the Gem Theater, the site of the reception, we were awestruck, as was everyone who attended. Brava to you, Collette, and to Garden Fantasy and to Mike and Tom and everyone who worked on our wedding. We are so grateful to have artists like you in Belleville! (The peacock arrangement on the grand piano was spectacular!) Linda and Randy Priest

**They're reading the Independent everywhere**

Steve J. Stoltz formerly from Belleville reads his Independent at Godafoss in Akureyri, Iceland. He enjoys the cool 50s temperatures in Northern Iceland as Belleville swelters in the heat and humidity. Next stop: Greenland. He will have stories to share at the BHS All-Class Reunion.

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Congresswoman Debbie Dingell honors 2 Rosie the Riveters from area

By Marian Caldwell
Van Buren Township

Some people say that history is ancient and why should anyone care about what has happened in the past?

Well, stop and think about how we Americans were saved from a possible dictatorship if we had not fought for our freedom in World War II.

There are women who were housewives that decided they wanted to support their men in the military by working in a hot factory building airplanes, one every 55 minutes, to be shipped to our soldiers overseas in the 1940s.

Instead of saying Hail to the Chief we might be saying *Heil!*

These women were called "Rosie the Riveters" because that was part of their job of building military planes. Their job was tedious, hot, and stressful but nothing stopped these women. The sacrifice was necessary because they were backing up the men who had been called to war duty in the European Theatre.

Recently a special honor ceremony was held at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti for Original Rosie the Riveters: Phyllis Roullier of Belleville and Mary Serge of Allen Park. Both ladies worked at the Willow Run factory during World War II building airplanes which were flown to our military overseas.

Both ladies were honored with Congressional Recognition Awards for their valuable service by Congresswoman Debbie Dingell along with Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Brenda Stumbo and Superior Township Treasurer Brenda McKinney.

Congresswoman Dingell applauded these women who have been waiting for their awards for over 70 years by a rousing commendation of their value to this country. They are now officially recognized as part of the "Original Rosie the Riveter" organization.

Both "Rosies" are in their 90s and still going strong.



Photo courtesy of Congresswoman Debbie Dingell

Local Rosie the Riveters honored, from left in front, were Mary Jezowski-Serge and Phyllis Roullier. In back, from left, are Superior Township Treasurer Brenda McKinney, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Brenda Stumbo, and Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum.

Samuel Vicchy to be inducted into Coaches Hall of Fame on Sept. 18

Former Belleville educator and coach Samuel Vicchy is among the 15 men who will be inducted into the 58th class of the Michigan High School Coaches' Association Hall of Fame at 1 p.m. Sept. 18 at Central Michigan University.

Vicchy, who coached for 38 years before retiring, now lives in Hernando, FL. He started off as a coach and teacher of science and chemistry at Erie East High School, 1961-65; then went on to Erie Cathedral Prep School, 1965-69; Kent State University School, 1969-70; and Belleville High School, 1970-1999. He retired from BHS in 1999.

Vicchy graduated from Scottdale High School, PA, where he played football and baseball. There was no swimming team. He earned his bachelor of science degree in education at Slippery Rock State College

where he played soccer for four years.

Vicchy's athletic director at BHS was Harry Hidenfelter. At BHS Vicchy coached men's and women's swimming, women's cross country and track, and men's golf. Vicchy was honored as Golf Coach of the Year in 1972; Western Wayne Coach of the Year, 1970, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1980; and Women's Swimming Region II Coach of the Year in 1986.

The formal induction of the Michigan High School Coaches' Association Hall of Fame Class of 2016 will take place in the Terrace Room of the Bovee University Center on the campus of CMU. People interested in attending may contact Mark Holdren at mholdren@portlandk12.org, 854 Marshall Street, Portland, MI 48875, (517) 526-4575 or the website at mhsca.org .

Rosies record falls, Yankee Air Museum vows to reclaim title

The Yankee Air Museum on Tuesday expressed its congratulations to the people of California for reclaiming a Guinness World Record in Richmond this past weekend.

On Saturday, Aug. 13, a claimed 2,265 people, dressed as Rosie the Riveter, gathered at the National Rosie the Riveter Park to set the new record. The previous record of 2,096 People Dressed as Rosie had been held by Yankee Air Museum since October 24, 2015.

"On behalf of the entire Yankee Air Museum community, I extend to the California Rosies our heartiest congratulations for raising our world record," said Kevin Walsh, Executive Director of Yankee Air Museum. "We applaud the California Rosies and thank them for elevating the stature of women in the workplace, and

especially those who entered the factories on the American home front during World War II. They delivered unprecedented excellence then and women with the 'We Can Do It' spirit have been excelling ever since."

Walsh said that Representative Debbie Dingell, 12th Congressional District and Supervisor Brenda Stumbo of Ypsilanti Township immediately stepped up to reprise their roles as co-chairpersons of the Museum's Rosie the Riveter World Record event.

"In the months ahead, we will be organizing efforts for the next run at a new World Record," Stumbo said. "We'll be back, and our record, like our heritage, will be stronger and more meaningful than ever."

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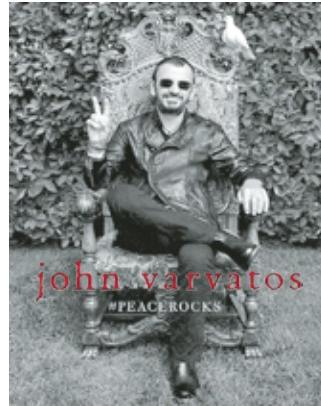
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Kathy Bailey to begin new round of family history research classes

Kathy Bailey, a retired teacher who lives in Willis, will start up a new round of free classes to teach family history research for personal enrichment and to share with family.

Classes will run for six Thursdays beginning Sept. 8 and running through Oct. 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 941 South Grove, Ypsilanti 48197.

She will teach basic genealogical research and research tools. Participants will learn how to use huge online databases, including FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com.

Classes will include technologies for doing research, organizing family information, and learning of records that are available for various locations worldwide during different periods of time.

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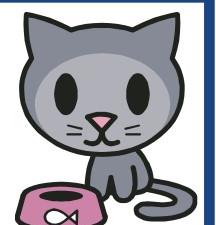


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Sumpter Progressive Civic League gives away 60 backpacks to students

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Saturday the Sumpter Progressive Civic League put on what they are calling their first-annual Back-to-School event for Sumpter children.

They gave away 60 backpacks filled with school supplies for students from pre-Kindergarten through high school and hosted an afternoon of fun and safety education at Graham Park.

Christy Darty, secretary of the re-energized league, said the extra school supplies left over were being donated to Keystone Academy charter school in Sumpter Township.

Sumpter Township Police Officer Beth Egerer presented lessons on internet bullying and proposed a contract with parents where the students promise to tell if they see something wrong.

Police also presented gift bags with cereal and other food inside.

Sumpter fire fighters Jamie Krushlin and Mike Wisniewski invited the students onto a fire truck and let them touch equipment and blare the siren. They talked to the students about fire safety.

Darty said they had lots of games and activities for a full afternoon.

The new league officers are: Karietha Murry Hanible, president; Vincent Warren, vice president; Darty, secretary; Jackie Gregory, treasurer; Elder Martha Braford, chaplain; and Paulette Thompson, sergeant-at-arms.

The next meeting of the league is at 6 p.m., Sept. 15, at the Sumpter Township Community Center and those interested are invited to attend. Hanible said they are looking for volunteers and donations to support the league programs. The phone number for information is (734) 461-1767.

Crystal Harris, the longtime president of the Sumpter Progressive Civic League, is in rehab in Georgia, following a stroke. She is encouraged by those who have taken up the work of the league and is anxious to get back to Michigan to see them all in action.



Photo by George Murry of Princess Wall Portraiture

Rick Koch wins \$1,000 in Rotary Rubber Ducky race

Rick Koch won \$1,000 in the Belleville Rotary Club's Rubber Ducky race in Belleville Lake during the Taste of Belleville on Aug. 18.

Barbara Miller won second and third place prizes in the race, getting \$250 for second and \$100 for third.

An unidentified person won the \$190 prize in the Central Business Community's 50-50 drawing.

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City Council asks planning commission to look at Chapter 66

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley told the city council Aug. 15 that she thinks the city's requirement for two-story buildings in the downtown may be prohibitive to development.

She explained her concerns to the council and council members agreed and voted to ask the planning commission to look at the one provision in Chapter 66 of the zoning ordinance that requires two-story construction downtown.

The planning consultant is expected to attend the planning commission meeting on Sept. 8 and the planner will be asked to estimate the amount of money it will take to revisit this requirement.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said it costs \$400 every time a planner comes to a meeting.

Mayor Conley said the city hasn't had a lot of development in the downtown area. She said they want people to walk around in the downtown area and visit retail shops. It just can't be all services. Retail is needed, she said.

"Maybe it's time for the planning commission to sit down and talk about it," Conley said, adding they can ask the consultant to come in and tell the city what other communities are doing.

The council also discussed the 50% retail required block by block downtown.

"We really want to get retail in the downtown area," Conley said, adding with Chapter 66 they really haven't seen that happening.

Building Official Rick Rutherford said, "We have such a unique set of circumstances

in Belleville. We've had a hard time trying to keep commercial on the ground floor."

Councilwoman Kim Tindall said she didn't think the requirement to have retail at 50% per block is so complicated, as some have said.

"This was brought to us as a recommendation by our planners," she recalled.

"We can ask the planners if there is something else we could be doing to make that happen," Conley said.

Rutherford said a lot of businesses on Main Street, who say they are retail, are not really retail, like the tracker plan and the pharmacy.

"We absolutely would agree with you," Conley said.

"It all was done with the best of intentions," Councilwoman Tindall said. "All we wanted was a walkable downtown ... The implementation has been challenging." When asked, she estimated the requirement was added within the last seven years she's been on the council.

Conley said services don't need to be on Main Street because people will go to the doctor's office, for example, wherever they are located.

She said she doesn't know if the lack of development downtown is because of the economic downturn or something else.

In other business at the 50-minute meeting on Aug. 15, the council:

- Approved amendments to the Sign Ordinance as recommended by the planning commission, which had held a public hearing. Most of the changes are required by a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court;

- Approved the request from the Belleville Area Council for the Arts to coordinate the citywide yard sale at Victory Park on Sept. 10 and 11. Becky Hasen said people do not have to sign up in advance, but just show up at the park as early as 7 a.m. on Saturday and can stay until 5 p.m.; and to set up as early as 9 a.m. on Sunday and can stay until 4 p.m. Cost per day is \$15 or \$25 for both days. Participants provide their own tables and clean up after themselves, she said. Hasen asked the city to make sure there is toilet paper in the rest rooms at Victory Station. For more information, call Hasen



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Belleville's newest police officers were introduced to the city council at Monday's meeting. From left are full-time Officers Craig Lewis and Tim Trombley, and part-time officer Sean Templeton. Chief Hal Berriman said Officer Trombley has been with the department for more than a year, starting out as a Reserve, then working part time, and now is full time.

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- Approved closing Fourth Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 8 for Harvest Fest events, which start at 11 a.m., and to allow the Central Business Community to use Fourth Street Square for a Harvest Market, which would run 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.;

- Approved accounts payable in the amount of \$287,760.40 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to SLC Meters, \$3,870 for a maintenance agreement, water/sewer fund; to BS&A Software, \$2,997, annual service contract, general fund; to MIOSHA, \$1,250 for inspection, from general fund/DPS; to Split Second Tacticals, \$1,500 for utility vests for officers, general fund/police; to Emergency Reporting, \$1,668 for annual software contract, general fund/fire; to Osborne Concrete, \$863 for cemetery footings, cemetery fund; to Wise Technologies, \$699.24 for computers / maintenance, general fund / various funds; to Superior Auto & Truck, \$648.89 for street sweeper repair, major/local street funds; and to B&R Janitorial, \$623.50 for

cleaning supplies, from general fund/DPS;

- Was advised the new police car has been ordered and will be delivered in a couple of weeks. Police Chief Hal Berriman has prepared a bid package for the equipment to be installed on the car and those bids are due Aug. 29. Also, Rutherford is working at financing for his new truck;

- After Rutherford reported the roadwork on West Columbia Avenue is still slated for completion in October, Kollmeyer asked him to have Wayne County communicate that information to the schools;

- Heard Councilman Tom Fielder tell of his work with a group discussing how to keep drug deaths from occurring. He said there were 506 drug deaths in Wayne County last year and 342 for the first six months of this year. He said Fentanyl, a substance that gives an extra kick, is being added to drugs and is one of the main causes of these deaths. He said over the last four years the highest number of deaths from Fentanyl over a 12-month period has been 148 in Wayne County. This year for the first six months the number is 168.

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VBT board discusses buying three F-250 2017 pick-up trucks

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the Aug. 15 work study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Public Services Director James Taylor explained the three 2017 four-wheel drive, pick-up trucks he wants to buy for the Buildings & Grounds fleet.

He said he went out for bids and received two. The bid of \$85,200 from Atchinson Ford was \$3,712.88 less than the only other bid received, he said. Jack Demmer Ford's bid was \$88,912.88.

Director Taylor said the purchase is in the budget in the Buildings and Grounds Capital Outlay account.

The purchase is scheduled to be on the agenda of the Sept. 6 regular township board meeting for consideration.

Taylor said the trucks are replacements for aging vehicles. He said the trucks perform a wide variety of maintenance tasks township-wide. They are used for snow removal and grounds maintenance for township properties, including the township's five parks and four cemeteries, as well as support services for elections and other activities provided by a number of township departments.

"These trucks have gone beyond their service life and are requiring increased repair costs and down time with no added values," he wrote in a memo to the board, adding the trucks are eight and nine years old.

Two of the trucks he recommended in the memo were F-250 Super Cabs, to be used by staff that requires more cab space for tools and gear, and one is a F-250 Regular Cab that requires a longer bed for hauling lumber, picnic tables, and other larger items used in the parks.

He said in the memo that the Super Cabs have become the standard for most of the trucks recently purchased in the Water & Sewer Department.

But, when he presented his proposal to the board at the work/study session, Taylor announced that he has reduced the two Super Cabs to Regular Cabs. He said the Super Cab was a step up to give more space, but it's not absolutely essential.

He said the change reduces the price from \$85,200 to \$81,000.

"We're not getting leather seats?" asked Trustee Jeff Jahr and Taylor said the seats were not leather.

Trustee Jahr noted that the trucks have 6.2L V8 gasoline engines and asked if a 6

cylinder would be OK.

"I'll defer to you," Jahr said. "I don't want to question your judgment." He said normally bare-bones pick-up trucks are used for maintenance crews.

"This is a far cry from that," he said, "but, if that's what you want..."

Taylor said they decided to go with the 6.2, but they will take a second look at it.

Trustee Reggie Miller asked what the life of a truck is, noting that the police department puts the life of a patrol car at 100,000 miles.

Taylor said these trucks have heavy usage and are pretty beat up. He said they lost one of those trucks for two weeks in December because it needed chassis work. When asked if they could trade the old trucks in,

Taylor said they couldn't but they would auction them off and the money goes back into the general fund.

Treasurer Sharry Budd asked what were the "hard miles" he said the trucks drove, since they mainly drive on paved surfaces.

Taylor replied it was pushing snow, running around a lot, pushing other things, and basically being work trucks.

Former Supervisor Paul White asked the mileage on the vehicles being replaced and Taylor said they were: 87,978, 75,335, and 59,468.

White said those mileages were not excessive and a lot of work trucks have 150,000 miles on them.

Taylor said the one with 59,468 miles cost the most in maintenance last year.

Trustee Miller asked if the township was getting a reduced rate for buying three instead of one and Taylor said he didn't know, but they probably are getting a bulk rate. He said he would ask Craig Atchinson.

White asked if he will be coming back in three years to buy more trucks and Taylor said he expected these trucks to last another eight or nine years.

The new trucks, according to paperwork furnished to the board, included among other options: a vinyl 40/20/40 seat (steel), XL trim, XL Décor Package, molded black cab step, electronic shift 4 Wheel Drive Shift on the Fly, tele trailer tow mirror power, upfitter switch, remote start, and XL value package.

VBT Board rezones property owned by LDFA on Ecorse Rd.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its Aug. 16 regular meeting, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved the second, and final, reading of the rezoning of a parcel on Ecorse Road owned by the VBT Local Development Finance Authority.

The small parcel, just west of Hannan Road on the south side of Ecorse, has been rezoned from AG (Agricultural) to C (Local Business) at the request of the LDFA. The planning commission recommended approval after a public hearing during which no public spoke for or against it.

The LDFA wants to sell the property and felt it would get a better price if it was zoned for commercial activity.

In other business at the Aug. 16 meeting, the board:

- Approved the appointment of Aaron Sellers to the Board of Zoning Appeals as an alternate with a term beginning Sept. 1 and expiring Sept. 1, 2019. Sellers is business services manager for Southeastern Michigan for Comcast Business. He has lived in VBT for six years on Lake Point Pass. He graduated from Belleville High School and serves on the Belleville Lake Shore Committee and belongs to the Jackson and Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti chambers of commerce. He was not present to meet the board at either the Aug. 15 or Aug. 16 meetings, but he had been interviewed by Lianne Clair of the supervisor's office;

- Approved adoption of the 2016 Tax Rate Request, which is .9144 allocated millage

plus 4 mills extra voted millage for public safety for a total of 4.9144 mills. The 2016 Taxable Value of real and personal taxable property in the township is \$969,499,077, so the tax amounts to \$4,764,506;

- Approved the 2017 board meeting dates, which generally are the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., with work/study meetings at 4 p.m. the preceding Monday;

- Approved the 2017 holiday schedule, which includes 15 days: New Year's Day observed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day observed, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving Day, Christmas

Eve observed, Christmas Day observed, and Christmas holiday, Dec. 27 through Dec. 29;

- Approved the SMART Municipal FY 2017 Municipal Credit Contract, with an estimated \$20,000 for recreation transportation and \$8,348 for senior transportation, for a total of \$28,348. The local match of \$32,597 is met by the township's general fund and in-kind services; and

- Heard resident Reg Ion ask when the budget sessions were scheduled and he was told they will be Oct. 25, 26, 27. Ion also discussed larger-size American flags for the polls and going out for bids for towing companies for the police to call.



Reg Ion brought a small flag to the Aug. 16 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees to demonstrate the size of the American flag that was mounted at his voting precinct on Aug. 9. He said the clerk should have an eight-foot flag at each precinct, not a tiny flag. He asked the clerk's office to get proper-size flags and to put them at the polls. VBT Clerk Leon Wright said, after the meeting, that his department doesn't have big flags or the money in his budget to buy them.



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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Concert Lakeside resumes tonight with the music of Dig A Phoney, a Beatles tribute band, beginning at 7 p.m. Rain location is across the street at the First United Methodist Church on Charles Street. The concert is free.

The Willis Fall Festival is this weekend, Aug. 27-28, at the Willis Baptist Church on Bunton Road in Willis. There will be free food and fun with an inflatable bounce castle, game booths, prizes, hotdogs, hamburgers, popcorn, ice cream, and more. Knife throwing and bull whip performer John Bailey is the special guest during the event, which is slated for 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Lodge Lanes on the South I-94 Service Drive just west of Belleville Road is gearing up for fall leagues and has openings for everyone, including teams, for seniors, youth, and bumper leagues, all starting in September. All You Can Bowl Specials takes place on Fridays, from 8 p.m. to midnight for \$8.95 per person, and Saturdays, from 9 p.m. to midnight at \$9.95 per person. The ever-popular Cosmic Open Bowling also takes place every Friday, from 8 to 11 p.m., and Saturday afternoon, from 2 to 4 p.m. See their half-page ad in today's paper for league days and times and other info. Visit them on Facebook and at www.lodgelanes.com. Call (734) 697-9178.

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JNG Auction Services of Belleville will be holding an online charter school liquidation auction Aug. 26-30. To register to bid and for more information, visit www.jngaucions.com and call (734) 489-4636. The auction rooms feature hundreds of computers, laptops, projectors, office and sporting equipment, textbooks, kitchen equipment, a school bus, and more. All assets are located in Detroit.

The public is invited to Friday's ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new T-Rex Arms business that recently opened at 44800 N. I-94 Service Drive in Belleville. The Belleville Chamber of Commerce will cut the ribbon at noon. The gun range business is located next to Angel Food Catering. Call (734) 697-7151.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Aug. 25** – Dig a Phony (Beatles tribute) will entertain at Horizon Park starting at 7 p.m. The free Music Lakeside concert is presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. If it rains, it will be in the United Methodist Church across the street.

• **Thursday, Aug. 25** – The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club's August membership meeting is at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road. Speaker will enlighten members on the library millage that is on the November ballot. All are welcome.

• **Friday, Aug. 26** – T-Rex indoor gun range is having a Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon today and the public is invited to drop by and tour the new business. It's at 44800 N. I-94 Service Drive, just east of Belleville Road.

• **Friday, Aug. 26** – Romulus DDA presents free Sounds in Downtown at the Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt Street, at 7 p.m. Tonight it's Infinity and Beyond – Journey Tribute.

• **Friday, Aug. 26** – Friends Family Drive-In FREE Movie night, sunset, 8:15 p.m. Tonight is Outreach Bar-B-Q: brats, dogs, drinks – all for FREE. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring: "Allison's Choice." Questions: (734) 482-5074. Preview: www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Saturday, Aug. 27** – The Belleville Area Lions Club is holding a Corn Roast/Car Show at Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton Township, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many events for kids and adults. Food is by donation to Lions Club. Information: 697-0796.

• **Saturday, Aug. 27** – Friends Family Drive-In FREE Movie night, sunset, 8:15 p.m. Fine family films, fun, food – all for free. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring: "Nail 32." (734) 482-5074. Preview: www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Sunday, Aug. 28** – Southern Echo performs from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Saturday, Sept. 3** – Friends Family Drive-In FREE Movie night, sunset, 8:06

p.m. Tonight is Cruise-in Night. At 6 p.m., bring your hot rods, enjoy the Bar-B-Q, and show – all for Free. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring: "Echo Rhyme." Questions? Call, (734) 482-5074. www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10, 11** – Annual Citywide Yard Sales in the City of Belleville. No permits needed on those days.

• **Sunday, Sept. 11** – Jay Frandsen performs with Dick Johnson from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Saturday, Sept. 17** – Van Buren Township Public Safety Day on Walgreen's grassy field.

• **Saturday, Sept. 17** – Belleville High School Alumni Reunion starts at 2 p.m. at the BHS Commons with a social gathering, school tour, and shopping in the school store. Dinner is 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person and RSVP and payment is due by Aug. 27, with cost going up to \$30 each thereafter. Make all checks payable to: BHS Alumni Reunion and mail with your name, guest, BHS Class of, and class seating preference to your class representative. Include your mailing and email addresses and your phone number.

• **Sunday, Sept. 18** – Waco Band performs from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, Sept. 25** – Sweet Friends of Music perform from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Saturday, Oct. 8** – Harvest Fest starts at 11 a.m. on Fourth Street with events at the museum and library, including a petting farm and pony rides. Music by Joyous Noise, a Nickel Dig at 2 p.m. in front yard of the museum, and Harvest Market 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fourth Street Square.

• **Saturday, Oct. 15** – It's a free Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Van Buren Township residents only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at US Ecology East parking lot, 49350 North I-94 Service Drive.

Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, Sept. 6 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m., followed by regular board meeting at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Sept. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, September 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

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District Library Board approves letter of engagement for auditor

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library Board approved a letter of engagement to hire Alan C. Young & Associates to do the financial audit for the fiscal year ended June 30.

The unanimous vote was taken at the board's regular meeting on Aug. 9.

Treasurer Tanya Stoudemire pointed out the cost is the same as last year's audit, \$6,475, and charges for additional time, if necessary, also is the same.

In other business at the 36-minute meeting, the board:

- Discussed various promotions for the upcoming bond and millage election, including an ice cream social from 7 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 24; special bookmarks; "I love my library" videos, and a forum at 7 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Belleville High School mini-auditorium. Board chairman Sharon Peters said they would like to have forums in each of the townships, as well. Mary Jane Dawson was praised for her work on marketing the library proposal; and

- Heard Director Mary Jo Suchy announce that her deputy director Hilary Savage volunteered to be on the Library Network's Request for Proposals Committee to evaluate and purchase a new shared library automation system. She has also volunteered to be their secretary. "The last time we changed automation vendors was in 2005 and it is important for our library to be included in the decision-making process," Director Suchy said.

Trinity Episcopal hosts second Community Baby Shower Sept. 17

The second Community Baby Shower for First Step women's shelter will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Trinity Episcopal Church parish hall, 11575 Belleville Road, across from Burger King.

Hilary Hitte will speak on, "When Do I Know It's Time to Leave?"

This event is open to women 18 years and up. The church is collecting new items for infants up to three years of age, including diapers, wipes, and bottles. Unwrapped only.

For more information or to register for the event call Marian Caldwell at (734) 796-3671 or email her at mariancaldwell@yahoo.com.

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Keystone

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on the survey because the school disciplined their child.

Godfrey said Keystone does have "non-negotiable" infractions, such as profanity, threats, and fights.

She said in late September or early October, Keystone will have a curriculum event and she will talk to the parents about discipline and confidentiality.

"I don't like to get in the spotlight, but I need to talk more so they'll understand," Godfrey said.

In other business at the Aug. 18 meeting, the board:

- Heard Godfrey announce that professional development week for teachers would be Aug. 22-26. On Aug. 22 they planned to flood downtown Belleville for a scavenger hunt starting at the Fourth Street Square and finally ending at the square and going into Egan's for hamburgers;
- Heard Losen announce that all the board members will be going to the upcoming National Heritage Academies' symposium in Grand Rapids at a cost of \$250 each, which covers room, board, and travel expenses. NHA is covering part of the expenses;
- Learned the candidate to fill a vacancy on

the school board has been approved except for the "conflict of interest" problem with NHA. He is a part-time basketball coach at Keystone and gets paid by the school, so he cannot be approved as a board member until that detail is straightened out. "We have all his paperwork, but until we get the green light we can't move forward," said Jeff Henders, NHA Board Relations Representative;

• Reviewed the 200-page 2015-16 Annual Education Report prepared by NHA for the schools authorizer, Bay Mills Community College, and to submit to the state;

• Approved the 60-page School Improvement Plan to submit to the state. Godfrey also provided a copy to board members of state proficiency results prepared by NHA to compare Keystone to adjoining Van Buren and Lincoln school districts and to statewide scores for school year 2014-15. In all categories Keystone met or exceeded the scores for Van Buren, Lincoln, and the state;

• Ratified the Criminal History Record Information documentation and agreed to have Presque Ile do the work. Presque Ile does most of the work for Michigan schools for NHA and it is working well, according to reports;

• Heard Godfrey report that Keystone is fully staffed for classes. The following

changes have been made: Andrea Kaplan moved to a public school in Milan and she is replaced by Sarah Zajac; Jenny Bachakes had an opportunity at Henry Ford Community College, so Chelsea Jackson will move up to the first grade position from Y5; taking over Jackson's Y5 class is Megan Reaume, a paraprofessional who changed her role; Lauran Depres is taking part in a year-long internship, so Justin Kucera, a first-year teacher will teach social studies; Corey Williams has a new position with the Ann Arbor Public Schools and so Sheena Ritz will take over his science and social studies classes; and John LeBlanc has a new position with the South Lyon School District and Andrew Pope will fill his position; and

• Was informed a Welcome Back Event & Resource Fair is set for Aug. 24 and the first day of school is Sept. 6

"There's a difference between a philosophy and a bumper sticker."

— Charles M. Schulz

Public Notice

**State of Michigan Probate Court
County of Wayne
NOTICE OF HEARING
In the matter of
JAYDEN CURTIS NARDI, 16-109290-NC**

To all interested persons including: John Nardi, 350 Hamtramck Drive, Hamtramck, MI 48211, whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Sept. 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Coleman A. Young Building, Two Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI, before the Hon. Lynne A. Pierce for the following purpose:

**Name change from
Nardi to Nardi-Ingle.**

August 17, 2016
Amanda Ingle, petitioner
338 Redwood Drive
Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 502-3417
Publish: August 25, 2016, Sept. 1, 2016

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday August 31, 2016, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00 a.m. at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2008	Saturn	SW	5GZEV23748J159619	16-4827
2003	Saturn	4D	1G8AJ52F43Z152177	15-24141
1999	Chevrolet	4D	1G1NE52M2X6237528	16-1712
2002	Ford	SW	1FMYU70E12UB55224	16-11149
2002	Mercury	SW	4M2ZU86E22ZJ37754	16-10605
1998	Chevrolet	PU	1GCEC19W0WE252045	16-10217
2013	Ford	4D	1FADP3F25DL380552	16-1157
2009	Dodge	4D	1B3LC46BX9N514024	15-29049
2000	Ford	2D	3FAKP1137YR162163	16-14990
2002	Chrysler	4D	2C3AD56G52H221557	16-14990
2000	Lincoln	4D	1LNHM82W1YY844130	16-13666
1997	Chevrolet	PU	1GCEC14W5VZ135138	16-14238
1984	Pontiac	2D	1G2AW87H0EN236000	16-14669
2001	Honda	4D	JHMCG56621C029418	16-14669
2007	Chevrolet	SW	1GNDS13S572155678	16-14669
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1998	Honda	4D	2HGEJ6675WH578711	16-11617
1999	Acura	4D	19UUAA5646XA012102	16-14427

At 11:00 a.m. the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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2006	Chrysler	PA	1C3EL55R36N242119	15-23840
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2008	Pontiac	4D	1G2ZF57B984197298	16-13453
2006	Dodge	SW	1D4HB38N76F141591	16-13989
1998	Chevrolet	PU	1GCCS14XXW8177086	16-13879
1993	Chevrolet	PU	1GCEC14H1PE230713	16-13779
1985	SkiSupreme		XTBAV419C585	16-14695
1998	Oldsmobile	4D	1G3HN52K1W4854819	
1997	Saturn	4D	1G8ZK5274VZ402786	16-13266
2002	Chevrolet	2D	2G1WX15K129184775	16-15034
2007	Chrysler	SW	2A4GP54L17R159986	16-14534

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: August 25, 2016

Sumpter Twp. Board approves forum to discuss library vote

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

A public forum to discuss the Belleville Area District Library's ballot proposal in the Nov.

8 General Election will be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 12, in the Sumpter Township board room.

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved the forum at its regular meeting

with people in Sumpter.

Peters said a survey prepared by Sumpter resident and library board member Joy Cichewicz showed the failed 2014 library proposal was not what the people wanted. Both plans for the main library in Belleville and the satellite location in Sumpter have been cut back.

She said the proposal on the Nov 8 ballot is more costly than what people are now paying for the library, but less than other libraries she named.

Peters said the present library does not have the space or electronic capabilities to service the people of the community. She said they will be reaching out in as many ways as possible to bring information to voters before Nov. 8.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 07-19-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 06-02-92, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

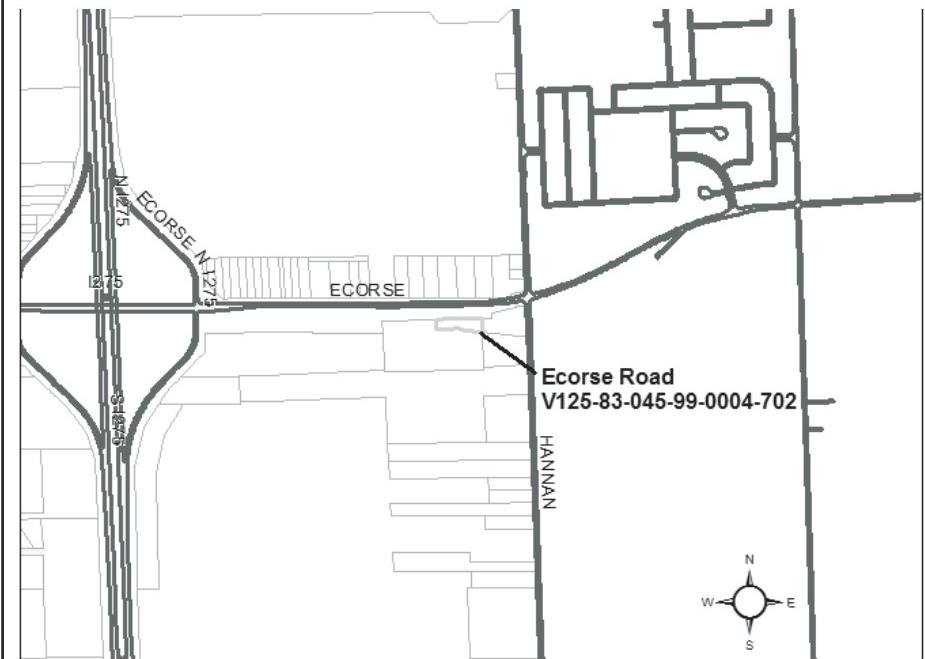
The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Ordinance No. 07-19-16

A request to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel V125-83-045-99-0004-702 from AG (Agricultural) to C (Local Business).



This property is located on the south side of Ecorse Road between Hannan Road and I-275.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 16th day of September, 2016.

YEAS: Combs, Budd, Wright, Jahr, Miller, and McClanahan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hart

ABSTAINED: None

Adopted: August 16, 2016

Published: August 25, 2016

Effective: September 2, 2016

Tuesday.

The board also approved letting the library use the DPW office building at 23465 Sumpter Road as a media center if the library millage is passed by voters.

The DPW offices will move to the post office building next door.

Library Board president Sharon Peters said the media center will be the satellite location required by the library agreement. She said it will be filled with computers, WiFi access, and be a pick-up and drop-off location for books, DVDs, CDs and other materials, so local residents don't have to drive into Belleville for materials.

There will be staff on hand to help with computers. She said the plan was developed

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION September 14, 2016 7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 for the following special use request at the September 14, 2016 regular meeting:

1. **Case 16-027:** A request by Claudia Perez, 6191 Rawsonville Road (Parcel ID# V-125-83-118-99-0030-000) for a special use permit to operate a group day care home for seven (7) to twelve (12) children at 6191 Rawsonville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48116 or via email at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. All materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS September 13, 2016 7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 for the following variance request at the September 13, 2016 regular meeting:

1. **Case 16-03:** A request by Grace Lake, LLC, 1 Village Center Drive (Parcel ID# V-125-83-045-99-0020-705), otherwise known as the Grace Lake Corporate Center for a variance from the maximum allowable sign height and the maximum allowable sign height and maximum allowable sign area in order to construct an on-premise monument sign along I-275.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 570 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Aug. 14:

- 0004 – traffic hazard, Elwell Rd./Hull Rd.
- 0014 – noise complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
- 0043 – missing person, Denton Rd.
- 0108 – noise complaint, Bemis Rd.
- 0124 – assault & battery, Western St.
- 0436 – assault & battery, Briarcliff
- 1258 – larceny from auto, Ecorse BP
- 1451 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
- 1454 – private property incident, Denton
- 1554 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
- 1910 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
- 1944 – noise complaint, E. Archwood Dr.
- 2015 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake
- 2018 – larceny, Tyler Rd.
- 2109 – neighbor trouble, Dalton Dr.
- 2205 – operating while intoxicated, EB I-94 / Belleville Rd., cancel
- 2347 – operating while intoxicated, Taco Bell

Monday, Aug. 15:

- 0217 – breaking & entering, Bridge
- 0225 – breaking & entering, Birch Dr.
- 0712 – private property incident, Denton Rd.
- 0849 – hospice, Michigan Ave.
- 0903 – missing person, Denton Rd.
- 1139 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor/Ecorse
- 1310 – harassment call, Hardwood Dr.
- 1311 – code enforcement, Ponderosa
- 1317 – disturbance, Tyler Rd.
- 1521 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
- 1545 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd.
- 1857 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
- 2047 – noise complaint, Arthur St.
- 2238 – intimidation threat, Vernon St.
- 2246 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 2324 – hospice, Buchanan St.
- 2341 – suspicious situation, Lilac Ln./Harmony Ln
- 2343 – noise complaint, Outer Dr.

Tuesday, Aug. 16:

- 0213 – vehicle repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0310 – noise complaint, Belle Villa Blvd., cancel
- 1205 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1402 – disturbance, Maurice Dr.
- 1628 – private property accident, Woodbury Green
- 1642 – property damage accident, Country Walk Blvd.
- 1805 – missing person, Tyler Rd.
- 1905 – private property accident, Meijer Gas
- 1904 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1926 – fraud, Van Buren Ct.
- 1957 – disorderly conduct, Winchester St.
- 2104 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 2115 – intimidation threat, Sylvia Dr.
- 2248 – intimidation threat, Outer Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 17:

- 0601 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
- 0656 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
- 0904 – larceny, Montague Ave.
- 1130 – property damage accident, Martz Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
- 1145 – breaking & entering, Harmony Ln.
- 1550 – missing person, Nautica Dr.
- 1845 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / W. Schooner Dr.
- 2029 – fraud, Cedarhurst Dr.
- 2318 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 18:

- 0055 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
- 0156 – breaking & entering, Shelley Dr.
- 0751 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0756 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Hull
- 0758 – larceny from auto, S. Dartmoor Cir.
- 0813 – missing person, Village Green Ln.
- 0815 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor / Tyler
- 1024 – property damage accident, Marlowe Ave. / Ecorse Rd.
- 1410 – intimidation threat, Amanda Dr.
- 1657 – neighbor trouble, Maple Dr.
- 1735 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove

- 1942 – larceny, Greenwood
- 1946 – suspicious person, Salem Ct.
- 2014 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
- 2018 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd.
- 2139 – missing person, E. Sadie Ln.
- 2151 – fraud, Sunset Pond Cir.
- 2203 – fight, Gilmore St.
- 2220 – juvenile complaint, Vernon St.
- 2232 – suicide or attempt, Belleville BP

Friday, Aug. 19:

- 0021 – harassment call, Belleville
- 0349 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
- 0419 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
- 0558 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
- 0759 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1103 – private property accident, Van Born
- 1104 – ordinance violation, Van Born
- 1214 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
- 1234 – private property incident, Belleville Rd.
- 1241 – abandoned auto, Sumpter Rd.
- 1251 – malicious destruction, E. Sadie Ln.
- 1440 – neighbor trouble, Sawgrass Ct.
- 1456 – abandoned auto, Industrial
- 1510 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
- 1648 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
- 1713 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1724 – larceny, Montague Ave.
- 1739 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
- 1947 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2046 – assault & battery, Arthur St.
- 2122 – dumping complaint, Harmony Lane Lake Ramp
- 2136 – assault & battery, S. Bellridge Dr.

Saturday, Aug. 20:

- 0027 – assault & battery, Westlake
- 0749 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
- 0755 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
- 0846 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
- 0923 – malicious destruction of property, Village Green Ln.

- 0931 – assault & battery, Farm Rd.
- 1527 – disturbance, Park Estates
- 1602 – property damage accident, Beck/E Street
- 1605 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
- 1629 – larceny from auto, Westlake
- 1703 – larceny, Bog Rd.
- 1807 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
- 2057 – fireworks, Hoeft Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
- 2140 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2153 – intimidation threat, Haggerty Rd.
- 2231 – property damage accident, Alden Dr.
- 2334 – disorderly conduct, W. Huron River Dr.

Also on this week's log are 146 traffic stops, 14 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways and four of which were in the city of Belleville.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 14:

- 0021 – civil matter, N. Aberdeen Ct.
- 0220 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
- 0234 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
- 0448 – suspicious vehicle, Lakeview
- 0448 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
- 1116 – civil matter, Anaheim St.
- 1502 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 1607 – water leak found, E. Huron River Dr.

Monday, Aug. 15:

- 1150 – assist fire dept., Third St.
- 1828 – neighbor trouble, Light Tower Ct.
- 1841 – personal injury accident, Main St.
- 1916 – traffic complaint, Edison
- 1930 – intimidation threat, N. Liberty St.
- 1944 – parking complaint, Astor Blvd.
- 2050 – traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
- 2116 – traffic complaint, Savage EB, cancel
- 2150 – property check, Main St.

Tuesday, Aug. 16:

- 0314 – disorderly conduct, Belle Villa Blvd.
- 0947 – vehicle repossession, N. Liberty St.
- 1744 – assault & battery, Main St./Denton Rd.
- 1850 – intrusion alarm, E. Waterbury Ct.
- 2228 – suspicious situation, E. Huron River Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 17:

- 0008 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
- 0108 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
- 0249 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
- 0308 – suspicious situation, E. Columbia Ave. / S.

Liberty St.

- 0503 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.
- 0653 – parking complaint, Victorian Ct.
- 1141 – all other traffic, Main St.
- 1409 – prisoner transport, S. Wayne Rd.
- 1906 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw Jail
- 2135 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.

Thursday, Aug. 18:

- 0100 – civil matter, Church
- 0305 – vehicle repossession, Charles St., cancel
- 0838 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
- 0908 – bank drop, Main St.
- 1817 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
- 2136 – vehicle lockout, N. Liberty St./Third St.
- 2141 – noise complaint, Carmell St.
- 2249 – suspicious situation, Light Tower Ct.

Friday, Aug. 19:

- 0231 – suspicious situation, Main St.
- 0340 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
- 0700 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
- 0818 – assist fire dept., Henry
- 0843 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
- 1408 – suspicious situation, Victory Park
- 1627 – fraud, Main St.
- 1828 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.
- 1936 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
- 2053 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.

Saturday, Aug. 20:

- 0405 – property check, Main St.
- 1416 – assist citizen, Belle Villa Blvd.
- 1808 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
- 1949 – traffic complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
- 2018 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
- 2025 – intrusion alarm, Owen
- 2245 – intimidation threat, Hayward's

Also on this week's log are 42 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 14:

- 0044 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
- 0051 – traffic hazard, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
- 0432 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
- 0858 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville
- 0900 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
- 0941 – breaking & entering report, 44000 bl. Wear
- 1051 – missing person recovered, 44000 bl. Paris
- 1248 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1436 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1458 – animal complaint, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1943 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 2005 – odor investigation, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 2043 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Judd
- 2158 – suspicious person, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
- 2346 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.

Monday, Aug. 15:

- 0202 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 0143 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
- 0159 – breaking & entering report, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 16:

- 0224 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
- 0720 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
- 1030 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Kozma
- 1107 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1156 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1220 – animal complaint, Wayside
- 1324 – missing person recovered, 50000 bl. Judd
- 1439 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Sumpter
- 1500 – civil dispute, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 1530 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
- 1536 – fraud complaint, 24000 bl. Meadow Springs Dr.

- 1749 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
- 2114 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 2134 – citizen assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2140 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 2240 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
- 2349 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.

Tuesday, Aug. 16:

- 0117 – well-being check, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
- 0852 – alarm, Carriage Ln.
- 0941 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1050 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1229 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1308 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1442 – malicious destruction of property, 23000 bl. of Carleton West Rd.
- 1510 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1521 – larceny, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

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Wednesday, Aug. 17:

- 0822 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 0950 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1017 – animal bite, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1817 – harassment complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1828 – well-being check, Rawsonville/Bemis
- 2122 – fire dept. assist, Brookview

Thursday, Aug. 18:

- 0633 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1045 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 1058 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1202 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1355 – fraud complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1534 – subpoena service, Brookview
- 1638 – threats complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1837 – noise complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1917 – animal bite, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1931 – subpoena service, Brookview
- 2049 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
- 2219 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.

Friday, Aug. 19:

- 0252 – assist other agency, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
- 1206 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1211 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1308 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
- 1413 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1443 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1536 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1727 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 1747 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1924 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 20:

- 0509 – death investigation, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
 - 1038 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
 - 1352 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 - 1715 – subpoena service, Brookview
 - 1904 – warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Elwell
- Also on this week's log are 15 follow-up investigations, 28 miscellaneous details, 84 patrol checks, and 24 traffic stops.

Four Belleville students make dean's list at Western Mich. Univ.

Four Belleville students earned places on the dean's list for Spring 2016 at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo:

Corey Kalitta, studying Aviation Management and Operations at the College of Aviation; Zachary Lazar, studying Aviation Flight Services at the College of Aviation; Brandon Buntine, studying pre-business at the Haworth College of Business; and Theodore Rouster, studying Pre-Integrated Supply Management at the Haworth College of Business.

To be placed on the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

Mendie Russell is new president of arts council

The new Belleville Area Council for the Arts executive board members for 2016 - 2018 are:

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- Vice President - Ken Voigt
- Corresponding Secretary - Jackie Berg
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\$20,000 26960 SHERWOOD 2.5 ACRES \$30,000

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